



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR PATENT

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RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF JULY 26, 2006, INCLUDING  
AN ATTACHED COVER SHEET WITH CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

Dear Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently with this Response. The required RCE fee of \$790 is being paid with enclosed Form PTO-2038.

Please amend the above identified application as follows.

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